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- C:A GFFICIAL'S WIDOW - RECEIVES SECURITY MEDAL

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The widow of Desmond Fitz-Gerald, former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, received from President Lyndon B. Johnson yesterday the National Security medal awarded for an outstanding contribution in intelligence relating to national security.

The citation said Fitzgerald, who died July 23, displayed exceptional competence and stimulating leadership for 16 years as a member of the CIA. "His unchallenged integrity, matched only by his passion for anonymity, set precedents difficult to follow but of high · importance to our Government," the citation continued. Fitzgerald, a Harvard alumnus, was born in New York. In his CIA work he was considered one of the most influential men in Government, although virtually unknown to the public. He was in charge of the operational part of the CIA's work, including its clandestine activities.